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French Desk Cards. Sources noted as given.

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Life 24 Aug 42, p.86

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Analysis Section, November 6, 1942

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World Almanac 1942

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OSS # 8717, Madrid Nov 25, 1942

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Nation, 'Laval's Cabinet of Traitors', by Henry Torrest and Hal Lehrman. May 2, 1942.

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Free France, Vol 2, No 3, Aug 1, 1942.

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In a recent issue of the Porgo Novo Informations et Communiqués or Cotonou Radio Presse, Subject expressed the following sentiments; 'The truth is that, anxious to redeem her numerojs defeats in the two hemispheres and to give her Bolshevik partners the illusion of a second front, England basely strikes her closest Ally (France!), disarmed and deprived of means of defense.'

Nigeria Political Intelligence Summary # 20
Lagos, Jul 31, 1942

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French Desk Cards on Paul MARION, (Cont'd)

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Secretariat d'Etat, Member of Mouvement synarchique d'Empire synarchique
d'Empire a l'Information et a la Propagande - VERY DANGEROUS! ✓

Secretary of state to the head of the Government, Vichy. Former French
Secretary of State for Information. FCC 1.7.44 (SI File)

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34 from C-8910 Nov 2, 1942. ✓

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Eva Pfister Papers, (Summer, 1942?)

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LARION, Paul

Minister of Information of Vichy Govt. Several years before war was close friend of Maurice THOREZ and Gabriel PERI. Andre MARTY and friends now say that during war Mathilde PERI lived in Subj's home.

LETTRE A UN COUSIN
26 Nov 52

MARION, PAUL

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French Ministry for Information and Propaganda. Mr. Champion (q.v.) was sent to Lisbon on a mission as an official delegate of subject.

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Appointed State Secretary on the Staff of the Chief of Government
January 7.

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Member of Mouvement Synarchique d'Empire(See LA Dossier). Secrétaire d'Etat
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Analysis Section, November 6, 1942
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Etat Français, Informations Générales, April 20, 1942.
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Life, Aug. 24, 1942, p. 86

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MARION, PAUL

Calls himself 'National Socialist Français'--in other words collaborationist; directs information, propaganda, press, censor, theater, movies, and radio; former Communist who encircles himself with other former Communists and Socialists who have become violently anti-Bolshevist, anti-British, and anti-Semitic; collaborator of DARLÈM'S; former partisan of DORIOT with whom he has broken; political friend of PUCHEU.

Dulles - Bruce

March 11, 1942

Note concernant certaines personnalités de Vichy d'après renseignements fournis par M. Boris SOUVARINE (q.v.)

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Henry Torres and Hal Lehrman, Laval's 'Cabinet of Traitors,' Refuge, May 2, 1942

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France, Vol. 2, No. 3 (returned to Hyde), August 1, 1942

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According to Mathieu LAUGIER, is a great friend of Parti Populaire Francais; in the present government.

Sûreté, Vichy, Oct. 8, 1942 P.39

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